

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CRIMINAL NO. H-10-795 (04)
	§	
JORGE ORTEGA	§	

**ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**

On December 6, 2010, this Court conducted a Hearing on the Government's Motion to Detain **Jorge Ortega**, and three of his co-Defendants, in the above-styled and numbered cause. The Government appeared by attorney and announced ready; the Defendants appeared in person and by counsel and announced ready. The Government offered the testimony of Mickey Teague, a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency. The Defendants each offered testimony of family members and proffers. The Court also made the Pretrial Services report, which recommended a Bond for each of the Defendants, a part of the record for purposes of the Detention Hearing only. Having now considered the evidence, the recommendations of the Pretrial Services Officers, and the arguments of counsel, this Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. That pursuant to the Indictment there is probable cause to believe that **Jorge Ortega** has committed a drug offense with a maximum penalty of ten years or more confinement, see 18 U.S.C. § 841, see also United States v. Trospen, 809 F.2d 1107, 1110 (5th Cir. 1987);
2. That by virtue of the foregoing finding a rebuttable presumption was created in favor of **Ortega's** detention, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e);

3. That the drug trafficking offenses charged by the Indictment were of a substantial and continual nature;
4. That the strength of the Government's case is substantial given that **Ortega** was found in possession of approximately 2 kilograms of cocaine traceable to the Huerta conspiracy on February 25, 2010, for which he was arrested and remained in state custody until the return of the present Indictment;
5. That by virtue of the foregoing findings, **Ortega** would constitute a danger to the community if released;
6. That if convicted, **Ortega** faces certain deportation and will be unable to apply for reentry to the United States for at least 5 years following his release and probably much longer if not for the rest of his life;
7. That by virtue of the finding No. 6, **Ortega** would pose a substantial risk of flight if released;
8. That **Ortega's** evidence and proffer failed to rebut the presumption created by 18 U.S.C. §3142(e);
9. That the credible evidence and information submitted establishes by clear and convincing evidence that there is no condition or combination of conditions which could be imposed upon **Jorge Ortega** by this Court to reasonably assure the safety of the community if he were released.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that **Jorge Ortega** be, and he is hereby, **COMMITTED** to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal.

It is further **ORDERED** that **Jorge Ortega SHALL** be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon Order of a Court of the United States or upon request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility **SHALL** deliver **Jorge Ortega** to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a Court proceeding.

**DONE** at Galveston, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011.

  
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John R. Froeschner  
United States Magistrate Judge